Traffic Safety Program

LG #15

A. Background

The Navy is Concerned

- With number of Navy traffic fatalities
 - About 400 deaths from '94-'98
- Not only with government vehicles, but with privately owned
 - Automobiles
 - Motorcycles
 - 4-wheel drive & recreational vehicles
 - Mopeds
 - ATV's



Conforming to the Standards

- DoD motor vehicles must conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- Tactical & combat vehicles conform to Federal Motor Carrier Regulations
- Naval bases must meet Highway Safety Program Standards:
 - Marking of hazards
 - Setting safe speed limits
 - Adopting laws
 - Ensuring drivers licensed

Navy Traffic Safety Program

- Implemented Navy-wide
- Program defines
 - Safety precautions
 - Laws & regulations governing use of all vehicles by Navy personnel
 - On-duty
 - Off-duty

Navy Traffic Safety Program

Definition

- Motor Vehicle: Wheeled vehicles designed for travel on public roads under motor power or assisted by motor power. They may be owned, leased, rented, or controlled by people as their private motor vehicle, or owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the government

Navy Traffic Safety Program

- Applies to all property under jurisdiction of the Navy
- Every command must designate, in writing, a Traffic Safety Program manager
 - Applies to forces afloat

B. Applicability

Who Does The Program Apply To?

- Motor vehicle operators, passengers, & pedestrians, including:
 - ALL Navy military personnel, ALL the time, on- and off-base
 - ALL Navy civilian personnel in a duty status, on- and off-base
 - ALL people in any Navy vehicle, on- or off-base
 - ALL people on a naval base at any time

Non-Compliance

- Can result in a court martial under UCMJ
- Disciplinary action against civilian employees
- NJP for military personnel involved in minor violations

Note: If injury occurs as a result of violating a regular the violation may affect any compensation. bills may not be paid, or death benefits may withheld from family members.

C. Seat Belt Regulations



Navy Motor Vehicles

- Every operator & passenger must wear a safety belt
- If vehicle does not have a seat belt at seating position, NO ONE can ride in that seat
 - Even if vehicle is old and never had seat belts
 - Exception: buses with no safety belts

Navy Motor Vehicles

- Applies to cargo areas of vehicles
 - Pickup trucks
 - Stake trucks
- No seat belt--no ride!

Child Safety Seats

- Infant or Child Safety seats SHALL BE used while riding in a Navy vehicle
 - Used for children under age 4
 - Used for children weighing less than 40 pounds



Private Vehicles

- Similar to those of Navy vehicles
- Seat belts required, on- and offbase
- Applies to all occupants
- Cargo area rules apply
- Infant/Child seat rules app
- PMV operator responsible for seat belt regulations

D. Pedestrians

Guidelines for Walking

- Always walk facing traffic
- At night:
 - Carry a light
 - Wear white-colored clothing
 - Wear reflective clothing
- Personnel working in roads or streets required to be issued and wear reflective vests

Requirements for Jogging

- Prohibited on-base
 - During peak traffic periods
 - At night
- Use sidewalk or jogging paths if available

Jogging on the Roadway

- Jog facing traffic
- Wear high visibility clothing
- Be cautious of vehicles entering from cross streets or driveways
- Obey traffic signals
- Never assume right of way
- Do not dash in front of oncoming vehicles

E. Portable Headphones

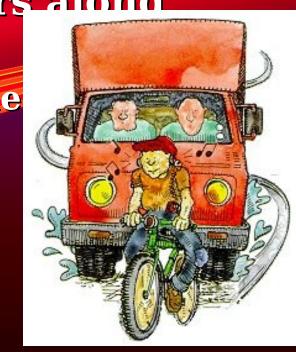
Restrictions

 Use of portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices restricted on roadways, sidewalks, and shoulders along

roadways while

- Operating a motor vehicle

- Jogging
- Walking
- Bicycling
- Skating



F. Motorcycles



Motorcycle Basics

- Term refers to motorcycles, motor scooters, motorized bicycles, mopeds, & ATV's
- Personnel must attend approved Naval Safety Center motorcycle safety training course
- Course required before issuing a base sticker
- Motorcycle headlights must be ON at all times during operation

On- and Off-Base Rules

- Every motorcycle operator and passenger shall wear or use
 - Properly fastened, approved helmet
 - Reflective tape on helmets
 - Recommended 4 square inches applied to sides and back
 - Impact resistant eye protection
 - Windshields & fairings are NOT eye protection

More Stuff

- More clothing requirements:
 - Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers or leathers
 - Full-finger leather gloves
 - Over-the-ankle shoes or b
 - Retro-reflective vests
- Operators must be licen
- Motorcycles shall not be operated without rear view mirrors

G. Driver Education



Gettin' Some Learnin'

- 8-hour driver safety course required
 - For all military under age 26
 - With a driver's license
 - Or required to operate a government vehicle
- Driver improvement course required
 - For those convicted of serious moving traffic violations
 - For those at fault in a traffic mishap while operating a Navy vehicle

Even More Schoolin'

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) required for Navy:
 - Police vehicles
 - Ambulances
 - Fire trucks
 - Crash & Rescue vehicles
- Special training for Navy school bus operators

H. Mishap Reporting

Traffic Safety Council

- Required at every base to:
 - Monitor base road networks
 - Identify mishap locations & analyze high mishap incidence locations
 - Cooperate with state/local traffic officials
 - Recommend new signs or signals

Reporting

- All mishaps involving Navy vehicles reported in accordance with OPNAVINST 5100.19 (series)
- Mishap reports are separate and independent from police and JAGMAN reports, or the investigation for claims.
 - Used by Naval Safety Center for safety purposes and data gathering

Requirements for Reporting

- Government motor vehicle mishaps
 - Involving ship's assigned on- or offduty personnel
 - Resulting in at least \$2,000 property damage, OR
 - A fatality, OR
 - A lost-time reportable class A, B, or C severity injury

Requirements for Reporting

- Private motor vehicle mishaps
 - Involving ship's assigned personnel
 - Resulting in at least \$2,000 property damage, OR
 - A fatality, OR
 - A lost-time class A, B, or C severity injury
 - To on- or off-duty assigned military and on-duty civilian personnel